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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Bruce Evans
Nephi Sandstone Corporation
1250 North 200 West
Nephi, Utah 84648

Re: Tentative Approval to Commence Large Mining Operations, Nephi Sandstone Corporation, Cedar Springs Mine, M/023/059, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Evans:

The Division has completed a review of your latest response, received October 3, 2003. After reviewing this latest information, the Division is now prepared to grant tentative approval of the Cedar Springs large mining permit application. We have prepared the formal notice of tentative approval which will be published for public comment in the appropriate Salt Lake City and Juab County newspapers (copy attached). This will begin the required 30-day public comment period. If no substantive comments are received during the public comment period, the Division will then be prepared to issue its final approval for this project.

Prior to issuing final approval, we require that you provide us with:

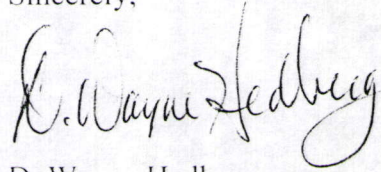
1. Two copies of the complete and corrected plan. When final approval is issued, one copy will be stamped "approved" and returned to you for your records;
2. On November 25, 2002, you provided a \$30,000 reclamation surety bond from Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America. A Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC) must be completed and filed with this office showing the new surety company.

Please be advised that **you are not authorized to create any mining related surface disturbance until you have received written final approval from this division, as well as any other agency involved with the permitting process.**

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Thank you for your cooperation and patience in completing this permitting action. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5286 or Tom Munson at 538-5321.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "D." and last name "Hedberg" clearly legible.

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure
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